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THE STOCKING-BASKET.

serv thren'd in her cushion'd chair, mother recliced from toil and care, copt the darning of a stocking, d her chair's perpetual tocking, nought I had somewhere seen it styled e plague of life, such a basket piled th tiresome, everlasting stitching, th work so very unbewntching, d as she broke the thread asunder, asting in and out, over and under, tabed the rents in human life, all; be mended with as little strife.

et took in her hand a tiny thing, it striped with a white and scarlet ring, and smalled as the thought of the silken hair and langhing eyes of her darling fair; if the rosy lips and dainty hands, he pleading cries and he lound demands, he sighed as she thought of the world untuited untuited and down her needle plied. She knew it said, Oh! blessed are such! And strok do her work with a tender touch, Softly foeded and laid it away.

As the little feet in slumber lay.

Sat on the next a tear-drop lingers;
The mother wrought with trembling fingers,
and saily bowed with an anxious face,
appealing on High for strength and grace
to guide the steps of her wayward son,
to bless and protect her erring one,
Nor saffer the wand ring feet to roam
coth from the love of his early home;
to shield him from the glittering net
the tempter with costly lewels had set;
to save him from the sparkling bowl,
and all the dangers that sear the soul.

on the third her looks were beut,

face were a smile of sweet content,
the fair-haired girl whose gentle ways
re extelled by all with voice of praise;
her the sunshine ever glowed,
from her lips rare nunic flowed;
is graceful carriage and modest mien,
moved through life like a fair young qu
mother said, with a fervent prayer.

Heaven shield her from harm and care,
a crael want, and the stings that smart,
a the bruisee of a blighted heart.

e last for one who was passing down her narrow home with a silver crown wondrous luster, that seemed to shed light of glory 'round her head, accordily sinking to the quiet rest salting those of the truly blest; when she plead the right to share tonder aid and waterful care.

A LITERARY NIGHTMARE.

Will the reader please to cast his eye wer the following verses, and see if he an discover anything harmful in them? Conductor, when you receive a fare, Punch in the presence of the passenjare? A bine trip slip for an eight-cent fare, A boff trip slip for a siz-cent fare, A pink trip slip for a tiree-cent fare, Punch in the presence of the passenjare?

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brain, and a grateful sense of rest and peace descended upon me. I was light-hearted enough to sing; and I did sing for half an hour, straight along, as we went jogging homeward. Then my freed him into the river.—N. Y. Graphic.

are a so very lar-signed and prone to take alarm at the slightest sound—faculties which warn the stalker never to let himself or his attendant be seen, and to observe the strictest silence. Deer, if disturbed, for the most part look for the days ago, by taking laudanum.

by administering poison to them in their food. In self-defense, therefore, it was decreed by the male law-makers, that widows should suffer themselves to be burned alive with the bodies of their decased husbands, the only alternative being a life of shame, misery and destitutions. Let us turn to this year's prophecy. We must take the breast-bone of a last spring's goose—none other will do, for the prophecy does not extend beyond the year in which the goose is hatched. Thanks in which the goose is hatched. Thanks to a friend, we have such a bone. It must be divided into three parts, which represent the three divisions of winter. The divisions of winter. These blots denote cold weather. Looking at the bone before us, we find a little cold weather about the lst of December, which we have realized; and there is another the carry part of the present cutta, in the early part of the present. Ing at the bone before us, we find a little cold weather about the 1st of December, which we have realized; and there is another blot beyond the center of the bone, denoting cold weather about the middle of January; this cloud we are passing now, and so far our little prognosticator has guided us right. We are to have warmer weather after a few days, but the worst is to come. The darkest blots are near the end of the bone, and, if the prophecy fails not, winter will verify the saying of coming in like a lamb and going out like a roaring lion. Our coldest weather will come after the middle of February, and our warmest fires will be required for the parting days of winter and the first days of spring. This is the goose-bone prophecy, and, as we have the word of a good old farmer that it has not failed for fifty years, we would advise the laying in of a good supply of coal, and general preparations to meet cold weather—for the goose-bone has said it, and old winter will be after young spring with a great big icicle."—Louisville Uonmercial.

The will of a rich gentleman was opened at a hotel at the West End, one day last week. Each party looked "unuterable things" when the reader, after the usual opening, began as follows:

"I leave to my dear friend, Col. G—, 10,000 pounds, three per cent.; and to my esteemed cousin, Geo. W——II, the like sum; and in consideration of the uniform kindness of my nephews and nieces, I leave them each, etc., with the usual bequests to executors, servants, funeral exquests to executors, servants, funeral ex-penses," etc., etc., in the whole, a long string of legacies, with the eternal good wishes of the deceased. "Signed, scaled and delivered to me, in the presence of,"

ctc., etc.
All parties would have been satisfied, had it finished thus! but the reader had it finished thus! but the reader startled, and, with a look of surprise, (for startled, and, with a look of surprise, (for he was included in the donations) said there is a codicil:—and with a sigh, the sincerity of which could consequently not be doubted, he read aloud that which his eye had hastily scanned—"Codicil: if I had died possessed of the wealth herein stated, I should have left it to these my dear and valued friends. But I have been improvedent and since making my will imprudent, and since making my will, have lost twice the sum therein set down, and, perhaps, have not more to leave than may be required to bury me; my dear and kind friends must, therefore, take the will for the deed!"—Court Gazette.

-----Benjamin Downing of Rhode Island, the oldest Odd Fellow in the world, died in New York not long since. He joined the Duke of York Lodge, No. 1, at Har-wich, England, in 1807, and at the time of his death was more than a century old,

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

THE gamins of London, being forbid-

A FATAL duel has just taken place in Spain, where the Marquis de Sofraza luss been shot by Major Lilburnz, an Irish officer in the service of Don Carlos. The duel, it is said, was conducted with "chivalrous courtesy" on both sides. The first interchange of shots being ineffectual, the seconds most kindly decided on allowing the combatants to indulge in a second shot, and thus give them a chance of compensation for the disappointment caused by their first ineffectual effort to destroy each other. This second attempt was partly successful, for although Major Lilburne was not killed, his bullet pierced the brain of the Marquis de Sofraza, who died in a few minutes.

The presents of the nobility of Madras

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The presents of the nobility of Madras to the Prince of Wales, if not equal in magnificence, and costliness to those which he received in Bombay and will receive in Bengal, appear to be unique in their nature. One Zeminder of the Southern Presidency intends to present four antelopes which have been trained to be driven as a four-in-hand team. The Ranee of Shivagunga proposes to give a sword of steel so beautifully tempered that it can be worn round the waist as a belt. This sword, moreover, is said to have a history, insumuch as it once belonged to a Poligar Chief named Catabamanaik, who gave some trouble to the Madras government toward the close of the last century, and who was captured and hanged in the year 1799.

Lieutenant Murphy, whose name is

LIEUTENANT MURPHY, whose name is cording to the Times of India, has a companion also distinguished in African travel. This is the late Dr. Livingstone's dog—the only dog that has survived a journey into Central Africa. This faithful creature traveled from Zanzibar to Unyanyembe with the explorer, and then followed Livingstone's body back to the coast. The dog wears a medal bearing the following inscription: "Mabel, F. R. G. S., late Livingstone East Coast African Expedition, 1873-4." It is a bull terrier of small size and white in color. It traveled small size and white in color. It traveled 1,500 miles in Africa—a wonderful feat in pedestrianism—before it was twelve months old, and it has since traveled 15,-

months old, and it has since traveled 15,000 miles by sea.

The Herzegovinian correspondent of the Voir thus writes from Ragusa: "After each defeat the Turks, exasperated at their powerlessness, revenge themselves on the disarmed inhabitants, and especially on the women. Demoralization has always existed in the Ottoman army, but it has now attained frightful proportions. The chiefs are afraid to repress the atrocities committed by their soldiers, feeling incapable to maintain discipline among the troops, who are now beginning to complain openly of being badly fed, and to protest against the want of judgment of their chiefs; so that, to calm the discontent of the soldiers, all the atrocities that they commit are overlooked. At 000 miles by sea. ties that they commit are overlooked. At Sekouliar they have carried off five girls belonging to the best families of the local-ities, and sold them at Mostar."

The Burning of Widows in India.

The following account of the now obsolete custom of burning widows (technically called Sati) in India is taken from the diary of an English traveler:

Though an immemorial usage, Sati is nowhere enjoined in the sacred books of the Hindoos, and cannot claim a divine sanction even from the Brahminical point of view. According to the Canarese, it derived its origin from the unpleasant tendency of their married women to free themselves from disagreeable husbands, by administering poison to them in their food. In self-defense, therefore, it was

in this frightful manner in the year 1803, while between the 15th of April and the 15th of August of the following year, at least 115 more followed their example.

The Canarese, in the early part of the last century, used to dig a shallow pit ten feet by six, which they filled up with logs of wood, placing erect at one end a ponderous piece of timber, weighing 500 pounds or thereabouts, to which a cord was attached. When all was ready, oil and clarified butter were poured upon the wood, and the corpse, decently shrouded, laid in the middle of the pile. A torch was then applied by the nearest male relative of the deceased, and, as the fames leaped up, the devoted widow took leave of her friends and acquaintances, and, with cheerful countenance, walked once or twice around the blazing heap, scattering flowers and repeating a form of prayer or invocation. Suddenly she would spring on to the burning logs, amidst a tremendous din of discordant music and the frantic shouts of the bystanders. At the same instant a Brahmin pulled the cord and the creet beam fell heavily upon the living and the dead, cutting off all means and hope of escape. At times, of course, the hapless victim would shrink back at the last moment. cutting off all means and hope of escape.
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appalled by the fierceness of the flanes;
but it was then all too late for second
thoughts. The surrounding Brahmins
would thrust her back with long poles,
while her agonizing shricks were drowned
in the uproar of drums, trumpets and
cymbals, heightened by the multitudinous
vells of the sweptators. Such instances yells of the spectators. Such instances of natural timidity were, however, of

victim fell upon the pile, she had neither courage nor strength to ascend.

A case of Sati, in which a certain de The gamins of London, being forbidden to beg in the street, have neatly circumvented the law. They purchase a bundle of straw, commerce of all kinds being free, and sitting at the corner of a street, entreat pedestrians to buy a single wisp. It is said that some urchins by this traffic make a profit of over \$10 a day.

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reduced to ashes.

Now and again, though very rarely, it fell to the happy lot of an Enlish magistrate to succeed in rescuing a miserable creature from this dreadful form of death, but only to condemn her to a life of contumely and social degradation.

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An instance of this kind is related by Mrs. Fanny Parks in her "Wanderings of a Pilgrim in Search of the Picturesque." A Hindoo corn-chandler, whose little shop stood at the entrance of her compound, having succumbed after a brief illness, his widow announced her intention of being burned with his body. In vain the magistrate interposed, promising protection and a pension for life; in vain, remembering that one who has made this vow ray not touch food or water from the hour of her husband's death until his incremation, did he defer the completion of the rite for forty-eight hours. She remained steadfast to her purpose, and at that time Satihad not yet been declared a criminal offense. The pyre was therefore constructed in the usual manner, and the corpse placed upon the top. As an immense And he conformed with knowing that in the new has made this wow ray the husband's death until his incremation, the forty-eight hours. She remained steading the three parts of the state of the three parts of the state of the st

a model of whose system some experi-ments were made yesterday on the lake at the Welsh Harp, Hendon. Mr. Egerton's plan consists in using what may be termed an immense floating platform, propelled by paddle-wheels. The structure is com-posed of three main longitudinal iron posed of three main longitudinal fron cylinders, each 600 feet in length by twenty-six feet in diameter at the center, stands of the content of the present cutting for the carry part of the court of the stands of the present cutting for the carry part of the carry part of the stands of the present cutting for the carry part of tapering off to a point at each end. The cylinders are divided up traversely into a would succeed in obviating sea-sickness on the channel by his scheme, although it is one which must involve considerable expense in the new works it will necessi-tale.—London Times.

-A man in New Hampshire had the misfortune recently to lose his wife. Over the grave he caused a stone to be placed, on which, in the depth of his grief, he had ordered to be inscribed: weep."

—A Paris barber, who died recently, left \$2,000,000. It is related of him that he never told a customer that his hair ought to be trimmed or that he needed a champos _____

-Mrs. Augusta Evans Wilson has comparatively rare occurrence, for when there was reason to suspect a premature collapse of resolution, narcotics were previously administered, and the stupefied and, third, a rich husband.

Our Bons and Girls.

Down in a field one day in June The flowers all bloomed together, Save one, who tried to hide herself, And drooped, that pleasant weather.

A robin who had soared too high, And felt a little lazy," Was resting near a buttercup Who wished she were a daisy.

For daisies grow so trig and tall; She always had a passion For wearing frills about her neck In just the daisles' fashion

And buttercups must always be The same oid tiresome color, While daisles dress in gold and white, Although their gold is duller.

"Dear robin," said this sad young flower,
"Perhaps you'd not mind trying
To find a nice white frill for me.
Some day, when you are flying?"

"You si'ly thing!" the robin said;
"I think you must be crazy!
I'd rather be my honest self
Than any made-up daisy.

"You're nicer in your own bright gown, The little children love you; Be the best buttercup you can, And think no flower above you.

"Though swallows leave me out of sight, We'd better keep our places; Perhaps the world would all go wrong With one too many daisies.

"Look bravely up into the sky, And be content with knowing That God wished for a buttercup Just here where you are growing." "Sarah O. Jewett, in St. Nicholas.

its small head? What a queer place for them."

"But a very convenient one, Jamie, as you will soon see. When the snail is in motion, four horns are distinctly visible. The two uppermost and largest ble. The two uppermost and largest ones have the eyes affixed at the extreme end of them in such a way that they can turn at pleasure to any object by a regular motion from the body. And in case of danger—such, for instance, as your approach with a stick—they can, by contraction, hide their eyes even more quick—in the condensed are the carbonic oxide formed affords a flame several feet long, suitable for heating boilers, etc., and the conversions as far as they may be a suitable for heating boilers, etc., stationally the suitable for heating boilers, etc., stationally suitable for heating boilers, etc., stations of sues.—Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

It would appear that the efforts at utilizing cinders for building purposes have not realized the results anticipated, and attempts to burn them have also proved unsuccessful, on account of the melting slaw which chokes the draft in a short time. It seems, from these attempts, that when condensed air is passed over glow-ing cinders in a furnace the carbonic oxide formed affords a flame several feet long, suitable for heating boilers, etc., station of one of the largest dry goods jobion to store it or solone of the largest dry goods jobion control of the largest dry goods jobion control of the largest dry goods jobion control of the largest dry goods jobion can to station provide a substance of salesmen, bookkeepers, etc., \$44,000; traveling expenses which chooks the draft at the efforts at utilizing cinders for building purposes have not realized the results anticipated.

"Without any food at all? asked Willie.
"For six or seven months, Will, it continues without food or motion, until the genial sun of spring wakes it up and excites its activity."
"Not much activity about these chaps,"

laughingly replied Jamie.

"Very true; for we often compare siowness to a smil. However, it usually comes forth in its own fashion on the first warm days in April. Breaks open its own door and sallies forth to seek nour-ishment. At first it is not very particu-lar in the choice of its food; almost any vegetable that seems green is welcome; but the succulent plants of the garden are chiefly grateful; and the various kinds of pulse, at some seasons, are almost wholly destroyed by them if appearing in num-

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"A wet season is generally favorable to their production; for this animal cannot bear very dry seasons or dry places, as they cause too great a consumption of their slime, without plenty of which they cannot subsist in health and vigor. One thing more I must tell you about the snail. It produces a great number of small, round, white eggs, covered with a sort of soft shell. By an imperceptible slime they are stuck to each other like a bunch of grapes, the whole about the size of a pea."

"Just as spiders have their eggs in a sort of silky web?" asked Will.

"Somewhat like it, Will. But the snail does not, like the spider, leave its eggs exposed. With the greatest industry and solicitude they are hid in the earth until the warm spring sun vivifies them, when the snails creep forth. I believe I have now told you all I can remember about the snail. You see, dear boys, our Heavenly Father endows each animal with peculiar instincts of its own, and they prove His watchful, loving care over all created things."

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Willie and Jamie Stewart had listened Willie and Jamie Stewart had listened with much interest to their father while giving his account of these little creatures, and after thanking him for it they ran off to see if they could not find their snail with its head sticking out of its curious shell-house.—Janie Keen, in N.Y. Observer.

Mother's Boy.

The English Channel Passage.

Yer another attempt at the solution of the channel passage question has recently

of its own, and that is, eyes on the points of its largest horns."

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A mind at the reason why so many large concerns fail, with assets so small in comparison with their indebtedness, is afforded by these expenses which were reported at a recent meeting of the cred."

"To be sure, it has a good deal of sense or instinct, Jamie. For it not only closes up the way into its own house, but some times, when this cover is formed too hick, the snail breaks a little aut-hole in it—a window, as you might say to its storm-house—to counteract the closeness which first proceeded from too great caution. In this manner, sheltered in its hole from the weather and every other danger, it sleeps during the long winter months."

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-The aged mother of Chavez, the California bandit, is still living at Homs-ter, Cal., and is said to be a very respectable woman. She wept when she learned that her erring son had been shot, but said that she was glad he had died thus, in-stead of being captured alive and hanged like his Captain, Vasquez.

-James Hamill, the ex-champion scull-er of America, died at Pittsburgh, Pa., a few days ago.